

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 448
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A RESOLUTION to express support for the continuation and state funding of the Tennessee Council on Vocational Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-201, created the Tennessee Council for Vocational Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-202, mandates the Tennessee Council for Vocational Technical Education to advise the State Board of Education and make reports to the Governor, the business community and the general public of the state concerning policies the state should pursue to strengthen vocational education (with particular attention to programs for the handicapped); initiatives and methods the private sector could undertake to assist in the modernization of vocational education programs; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-203, provides that funds necessary to accomplish the mandates of the federal legislation affecting vocational education including P. L. 98-524 shall be provided from federal and/or state funds through appropriation by the general assembly; and

WHEREAS, the council has been funded totally by federal dollars to date; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has deleted funds from the federal budget for the council as of September 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the council should be funded from state dollars so as to continue its mandated responsibilities, and to serve as the body to provide oversight of some \$230,000,000

of state and federal money to fund vocational technical education and training programs located in nine different departments of state government to serve the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the council continue to function and that all efforts be made to appropriate a sum of \$175,000 for the fiscal year 1997 budget of the council.

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